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### SUMMARY OF DAY'S NEWS

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, March 7 .- Forecast for Bunday and Monday: Virginia-Rain Sunday: Monday fair, colder in west portion; freen southeast to

North Winds, becoming west.

North Carolina—Rain Sunday and prob ably on the coast Monday; colder in west portions Sunday and in the east portion Monday; fresh south winds, becoming

Warmer weather marked yesterday, the tendency of the mercury all day and a jection of the right being upward. Rain is promised for to-day, and fair and colder to-morrow.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.

Police make a false sep in endeaver to sear up Birdick murder in year, and are introduced and the committee and the series and man the power of the part of the pa

(Special to The Times Dispetch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., March 7.—Captain
Charles M. Blackford is critically ill. On Charles M. Blackford is critically il. On last Tuesday he was taken slok, with what seemed to be a severe cold, but on Thursday symptoms of pneumonia developed. To-night his physician, Dr. Hawley, W. Martin, pronounced the patients condition-britical, and telegrams are now being sent out summoning absent members of the family to the city.

attended to

## WILL MAKE VERY RIGID INQUIRY

To Investigate Charges of Dr. Styll.

THIS DEMANDED BY LEGISLATORS

Will Vindicate or Will Prose-

STATEMENT MADE BY DR. DREWRY

Superintendent of Central State Hospital Comes to Richmond and Lets Negro Employe is the Author of Accusations Made

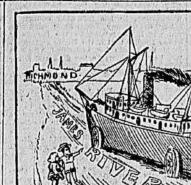
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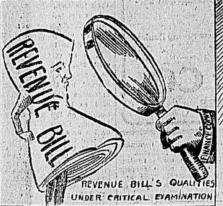
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matter was the subject of genera Everybody seems to desire an in-

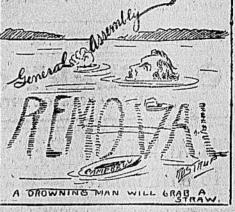
Senator Keezell, the chairman of the committee on Public Institutions, was as umb as an oyster and would not talk











CURRENT EVENTS HUMOROUSLY DEPICTED.

## PRAYED IN VAIN TWO KILLED: TO NEGRO FIEND MANY INJURED

### Mrs. Dickerson Identified Her Assailant Shortly Before Her Death.

J. C. Dickerson, who was as-The negro was brought to Birmingham infirmary. Mrs. Dickerson raised bandaged hand, and, pointing at the negro, said:

"That is the man said the negro in a voice that betrayed

erson, "look at the print of my hand on your shirt."

On the negro's shirt, just above the cket, was the print of bloody fingers. Addressing the negro again, she said:

The story of the midnight assault upon Mrs. Dickerson and her husband

and at the same time Mr. Dickerson

# DROWNED

River With Fatal Result.

EXCITEMENT PREVAILED

Men Were Swept to Death by Swollen Waters of the River-Accident Was Caused by a Fright-

Nineteen men are dead as a result of the to-day of the ferry boat used

finished portion of the dam, but the river has been rising for soveral days, and the company fearing that the bridge was uns \$\infty\$ is destroyed it with dynamite. Below the work about a half mile is a ferry. The beat is a scow-shaped affair, thirty feet long and thirteen wide, and is operated by means of cables. It is large enough to carry a heavily loaded team, and as many as 150 men have been taken across at one time. When the men were being ferried across an Italian boy known as "Cigarette" became frightened and fell overboard. He was rescued, however.

This morning seventy or eighty men got aboard and the beat strated, leaving a big crowd on the bank waiting for the next trip. When eighty feet from the shore the water splashed against the rail and the Italian boy who had fallen overboard the previous day selzed one of the tackle ropes which ran from the overhead cables to the stren of the best. Some of the men startea toward him and instantly the beat careened and filed, avery one being thrown into the water. The Hudson, was swellen by the freshet, bore a score or more of the struggling men down stream. Many others succeeded in catching hold of the beat which had righted and they cluss there until pulled in:
WILDEST EXCIMENT YESTERDAY.

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## BOTETOURT MAMMOTHS

Boat Capsized on Hudson Remarkable Find of Four Near Blue Ridge Springs.

THEIR ENORMOUS SIZE

Inches Long and Measure Four by Five Inches in Width-Found by Rai road Laborers.

hory tusk appeared in outlines could be easily traced in

seven inches long, four by five on the top. The ball of the hip joint is of enor-

top. The ball of the hip joint is of enormous size, measuring as much as eight inches in diameter. The gionoid fossalor spocket, must have measured at least twelve inches, but was to decayed to remove. Several valuable specimens are now in possession of Mr. Phill F. Brown, or Blue Ridge Springs.

The location of this remarkable find is within half a mile of the station of Blue Ridge and very near the summit, where the waters divide to cast and west. That four of these historic animals should be found within so short a distance is quite remarkable, especially so, as no search was made, but simply the excavation necessary in carrying on the railroad work.

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The late Major Jed Hotchkiss called this section, "a fault in nature," Being of an inquisitive turn of mind, your correspondent pressed him to tell the meaning of this term.

"It is an undulation which has overturned the hids and has faulted them in some places," said the Major. He also referred to the formation of the mountains, and suggested that "Wild Cat Knob" was once a port of the range, you divided by Bufgrids Gap. This break en abled the engineers to survey through the Blue Ridge range in place of tunneling under it. Who knows, but when the great upheaval came, these halry coated monsters, moved along the mountain range to escape from the encoaching waters, and were deluged in their last resting place. Could they but tell their story of the past, what a strange record of this Blue Ridge country it would supply!

### Building Collapsed With a Crowd Who Were Viewing Boat Burn.

several hundred persons found their

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There was not much of a crash and it was not until the screams of those who went down with the building and were held pinloned by the Umbers rent the air that the big crowd knew that the accident occurred.

Ambulances were called from all the hospitals, but it was fully two hours before the last of the victims had been carried away. Two dead bodies were recovered, those of a man and a boy, neither of whom up to this hour, midnight, had been identified.

The boat and engines cost \$350,000 and fully \$35,000 had already been spent by the Thore was an insurance of \$350,000 on the company on her, uncompleted fittings, beat.

## MAJOR CONRAD HAS NOTHING TO SAY

### Judge C. J. Campbell's Distinguished Counsel Declines to Comment on Report.

(Special to The Times Dispatch.)
WINCHESTER, VA., March 7.—Major
Holmes Conrad, counsel for Judge Campbell in the celebrated trial before the House Committee on Courts of Justice arrived here to-night from his Washing ton law office. He was seen by the Times-Dispatch correspondent, and when asked for an expression of opinion on the committee's decision, Major Conrad

"I have no expression to make. The case was tried and decided, and it would be exceedingly improper for me to do so. It would not be right. I have noth-

Major Conrad has the reputation of being decidely averse to newspaper inter-views, and the reporter in Winchester, who dares to make the attempt, is looked upon as a phenomenon. Your corre-

## **POLICE** MAKE A **FALSE STEP**

Thought They Had Slayer of Burdick.

YOUNG WOMAN TAKEN TO HEADQUARTERS

Convinced District Attorney That She Was Innocent.

MYSTERY DEEPENS INSTEAD OF CLEARING

Ago-Mistaken Identity. The Woman Prov-

They immediately retraced their

utely nothing against her. The resul

left the building.

It soon became evident that the polica and the district attorney's office had not worked in conjunction in taking Miss Hutchinson into custody. Later the following statement was given out:

"What seemed to be reliable information having reached the police department last evening that a certain young woman living in the city might, have some valuable information regarding the murder of Edwin L. Burdick, we requested this woman to come to police headquarters this morning and give any information she might have.

"She came and made a statement. She was at no time under arrest."

The above statement was given out by the district attorney's stenographer. He said the statement was from the nolice department and not from the district attorney's office. Mr. Contsworthalso personally stated that the suffament emanated from the police department. Superintendent Bull was then seen.

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Superintendent Bull was then seen. "Did the police issue this statement" he was asked. "The statement was issued by the District Attorney," replied General Bull, the District Attorney wrote the statement and save it out.

"And you did not issue the statement?" "No. sir," replied Suporintendent Bull, in an emphasic tone.

"But the District Attorney wrote the single police gave out the statement." "That does not make any difference. The District Attorney wrote the sictement and gave it out. It did not come from me."

ESTABLISHED AN ALISI.

Superintendent Bull then issued the following statement.

"Miss Hutchinson was brought to posible headquarters as a result of an identification by a hackman whose name I cannot recall, who said that the woman was one whom he took to Sumner Street and Ashland Avenus on the Thursday night of the murder. That identification was positive. The further reasons were that a woman mawaring the description of this woman was agen by Patrolman Meyer at about 1:10 o'clock Friday morning at Bryant and Ashland Avenues, sienest the Burdlek home. A further statement made to the authorities was that a young woman snawering Ma escription of this winder the Burdlek home. A further statement made to the authorities was that a young woman answering Ma seen in the upper part of the city by a well known citizen, who hasy that the woman told him she had lost her way, and that she wanted to get to Main and Tupes.